GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:609
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2000
TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS/VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal areas in the country do not have sufficient number of vocational schools/technical institutes;

(b) if so, the number of proposals received from Orissa and other States for the setting up of new technical institutes /vocational schools in the tribal areas;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the fresh initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to encourage young and talented tribal entrepreneurs to take up industrial ventures with special financial package for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OTHE LOKSABHASTARREDQUESTIONNO.609 FOR 9.5.2000 REGARDING TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS/ VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ASKED BY SMT. HEMA GAMANG

(a) to (d): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocational education at higherSecondary level,8% of the Plan budget is earmarked for tribal areas. The courses in schools are sanctioned on the basis of the proposals received from the States. Under this Scheme, 6519 schools throughout the country and 231 schools (924 sections) in Orissa were sanctioned Vocational education courses upto March, 2000. No proposal was received from Orissa during 1999-2000. From eight other states proposals were received that included tribal areas also. The Govt. is strengthening the Vocational Education Programme in schools, with special thrust in tribal areas.